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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Y. NAKANO, et al

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For: DATABASE PROCESSING METHOD, APPARATUS FOR
IMPLEMENTING SAME, AND MEDIUM CONTAINING PROCESSING
PROGRAM THEREFOR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 3, 2004

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as
follows.

Amendments to the Claims.

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